

The FCC should not mandate that HDTV receivers disable copying capability when the copy protection flag is present. This would erode consumers' fair use rights and allow large corporations to begin charging consumers for what current law gives them rights to for personal use. The combination of this with the DMCA law that has been on the books since 1998 will guarantee an inability to record HDTV broadcasts for personal use, and allow corporations to turn those who would modify their HDTV receivers to allow such use into criminals.

This will not deter big money piracy -- that will still continue as the pirates do not care about breaking the law. This will stop personal use recording and turn broadcast TV into a guaranteed revenue stream for the large broadcasting corporations. Their consolidation has given them enough control already. Do not bow to their interests and guarantee their profits through legislation. Allow free market to operate and let them compete based on their entertainment merits.

Thank you for your consideration.